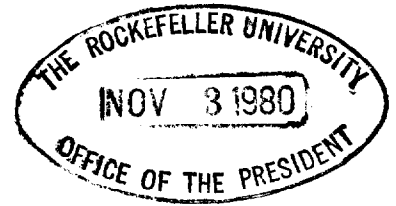




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Dr. Joshua Lederberg  
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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

This is just a brief note to express my personal appreciation and that of AIHC's other participants for a most interesting evening on Wednesday.

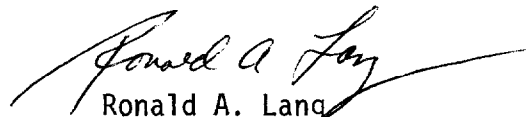
We found the discussion both stimulating and useful, especially in light of the Council's ongoing efforts to require the use of better science in the decision making process in Washington. A number of the observations made during the discussion provided insight in terms of the general direction our efforts could take.

For example, we have continued to advocate a position which calls for the separation of scientific judgements from policy making on the grounds that the assessment of whether or not data indicates a potential human risk from a substance should not be influenced by the number of stories about it in the Washington Post that week. Yet it was clear that a number of the participants on Wednesday felt it may be impossible, or unwise, to separate the scientific issues from the public policy ones.

I was a bit disappointed that we did not have more of an opportunity to explore some of the ideas you or your staff may have with regard to new or expanded programs in the University which may lead to more scientifically-sound public policy decisions dealing with chronic health hazards. While I indicated AIHC itself does not have very much funding available to support such programs, we do have access to many of the key corporate officials who increasingly realize that long term research in some of these basic areas is as important to their companies as it is to the nation. ✓

Again, we found the discussion stimulating and hope that there may be a future opportunity for continued dialogues of this kind.

Sincerely yours,

  
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Executive Director

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